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# letters

## A HOT MIC APOLOGY

In Ted Coopman's letter to the editor (online Letters, June 8), he attributes the statement "The olds prevail" made during the recent Jefferson Westside Neighbors election to Anya Dobrowolski. I am writing to correct the record and state that it was me who said that. It was not meant to be a public statement, rather was said as a joke to my bandmates in my living room. I was attending the meeting virtually to vote, but I also had band practice, so I was distracted and didn't realize I had a hot mic.

I apologize for the ageism of my comment. I am especially sorry to the elders in my neighborhood who fill free pantries and fridges, allow unhoused people to sleep in peace, do not call the police and use their privilege to upend the status quo. I am honored to share a neighborhood with you.

Had I actually meant to make a public statement, I would have spoken about class rather than age. What I meant to say is that white property owners in this town hold every political office and own all the land and buildings, which is the definition of consolidation of power. They do not see how their self-interested decisions continue to impact renters, the unhoused, mentally ill and drug using people. They perpetuate the housing crisis, and the mass suffering that is occurring because of it. Instead of looking in a mirror at the systemic harm they are causing, they spend their time lashing out at those who stand up to them.

Erin Grady  
Eugene

## REP. PAUL HOLVEY IS A CHAMPION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

I've worked as a registered nurse for nine years, and have lived in House District 8 for six years. Having served as a board member for the Oregon Nurses Association, as well as a leader of my local's bargaining unit, I'm also a strong believer in the importance of an organized workplace. That is why I am a strong supporter of Oregon Rep. Paul

Holvey, and am both puzzled and dismayed by the misguided and disingenuous attempt to recall him [by United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555].

On the House Business and Labor Committee, Holvey has personally improved the workplace for healthcare workers and our patients. Just this year, Holvey has been instrumental in pushing forward a bill that would create better staffing ratios in Oregon hospitals. This bill will allow health care workers to have the support they need and put a stop to the extreme burnout we have been feeling.

In 2022, he spearheaded a bill that protected health care coverage for low-income Oregonians. This law provided health care coverage for those who do not qualify for federal coverage through Medicaid or Medicare but cannot afford commercial health insurance coverage, ensuring all Oregonians get the health care they need.

Holvey has a long, strong record of honest leadership that stands up for Oregon workers, patients and families. I urge you to not support these ridiculous recall efforts.

Chris Rompala, RN  
Sacred Heart Medical Center

## HOW TO STOP MINORITY RULE IN OREGON

Jere C. Rosemeyer's proposal of a ballot measure to amend the Oregon Constitution to make a legislative quorum a simple majority is the best idea I have heard for a long time ("Take Back The Legislature," Letters, June 8).

A government that can be shut down on the whim of a minority can hardly be called a democracy. Quite apart from the dereliction of duty by those who think it's optional to do the job they were elected to do, it's embarrassing to have Oregon become national news every time the Legislature is held hostage by those who only like democracy when it goes their way.

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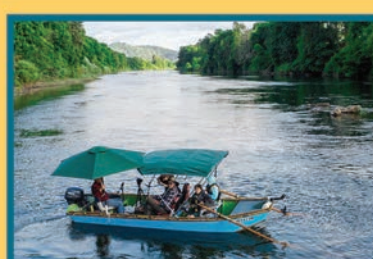
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# Two Decades of Having Your Back

THE CIVIL LIBERTIES DEFENSE CENTER AND ITS FOUNDER CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF LEGAL SUPPORT IN EUGENE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

By Eliza Aronson

In June 1997 environmental activists climbed old heritage trees in downtown Eugene in an attempt to stop them from being cut down for a parking garage.

Lauren Regan, the executive director and staff attorney of the Civil Liberties Defense Center, graduated from the University of Oregon in environmental law in April 1997. It was just over a month later that what is now referred to as the “June 1st pepper spray massacre” happened in downtown Eugene.

“Eugene Police Department showed up and they dumped so much pepper spray on these activists that they were literally hanging from the branches of trees with no safety nets or anything,” Regan says, recounting the incident.

At 3 am that June 1 morning, activists called Regan and asked her to be the lawyer on the scene, to make sure everything went OK in case people were extracted from the trees.

“No one ever thought that it was going to end up with the level of police brutality and chemical weapon use,” Regan tells *Eugene Weekly*. “I watched all of these people, many of whom were Earth First! journalists, just getting brutalized and extracted from the tree and arrested and hauled off to jail. And those cases ended up being my first criminal defense cases.” Amnesty International condemned EPD’s use of pepper spray in the incident.

Josh Laughlin, then a 22-year-old University of Oregon undergrad student and *Earth First! Journal* editor, and now executive director of environmental nonprofit Cascadia Wildlands, was one of the dozen or so people in the trees. He was also active in the efforts to stop old-growth logging on public forest lands that led to arrests of many

of Regan’s environmental activist friends.

He says Regan helped represent him and two other defendants for the charges they faced and that she also assisted them in bringing a case against Eugene for the excessive force used. The three protesters received a settlement of \$30,000.

“It was actually really empowering to work with Lauren, somebody who had supported our values and our vision for protecting these old forests,” Laughlin says. “To be able to work with Lauren, both on the criminal defense and the proactive civil rights violations that we brought against the city of Eugene, was eye opening.”

After these events, Regan realized that while there were many public interest environmental lawyers, few focused on how to support the movement through the legal system.

“I started trying to figure out a way to have the backs of activists that were engaged in the movement,” Regan says. From that the Civil Liberties Defense Center was born in 2003.

The mission of the CLDC is to support movements that “dismantle the political and economic structures at the root of social inequality and environmental destruction.” The organization provides litigation as well as education and legal resources to support environmental advocates and activists in and out of court.

The center has worked on cases across the country. In 2016 the CLDC filed a federal civil rights lawsuit charging multiple law enforcement agencies in North Dakota for assaulting and violating peaceful protesters at Standing Rock.

That same year, the CLDC provided free legal repre-

sentation to the Valve Turners, five climate activists who closed the valves on four pipelines carrying tar sands oil into the U.S. from Canada, shutting off 15 percent of U.S. crude oil imports for almost a day. The Valve Turners were charged with multiple felonies.

The CLDC kept all but one activist out of jail and prevented them from having to pay large restitution amounts to the pipeline company. Regan said at the time that “I think the Valve Turner cases were an excellent example of activists and lawyers working together to use the legal system and courtrooms to advance climate advocacy, outreach and education in rural areas where fossil fuel industries prevail and activists rarely set foot.”

Back in Eugene, the center has helped countless organizations and activists. In 2011 during the Occupy Eugene movement, Regan represented current Eugene City Councilor Emily Semple when Semple was arrested for protesting for free speech multiple times. Regan got Semple’s cases dismissed, and Semple tells *EW* that she was impressed with the advice and reassurance Regan gave.

“I know that she works on so many, both controversial and important, issues,” Semple says. “I feel that she’s somebody who really does make a difference in our world.”

More recently, the CLDC represented activists involved in the Black Unity-led protest in Springfield in July 2020. The Springfield Police Department arrested and physically assaulted protesters, and the CLDC filed a federal civil rights lawsuit. Regan writes in a May 2022 guest viewpoint on the case that “Nine activists were charged with misdemeanors and one faced felonies. Only one was convicted — the other cases were dismissed.”

Creating resources and providing legal education is also a big priority of the center. Before COVID-19, the CLDC offered in-person “know your rights” training. Sarah Alvarez, a staff attorney for the center, says that during the pandemic, the center held biweekly webinar sessions to continue to cover basic rights information for activists, immigrants and unhoused people, as well as other topics such as the workings of police misconduct litigation, or how to do digital security on cell phones.

“We have a really huge, huge library online that is totally free and accessible to anyone who wants to watch,” Alvarez adds.

*The CLDC is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a party at Dorris Ranch from 5-10 pm on June 17. There will be 100 tickets available for \$30 to \$100, sliding scale, and food and beverages will be served. Tickets at CLDC.org/donate, write “20th Ticket” in the notes or call 541-687-9180.*

## Celebrate Juneteenth

THE FOURTH ANNUAL EUGENE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, JUNE 18, HIGHLIGHTS BLACK HAIR AND MORE

By Camilla Mortensen

Black Hair Matters. That is the theme of this year’s Eugene Juneteenth Celebration, organizer Drea Smith says. Juneteenth, which has been celebrated on June 19 in parts of the U.S. since 1865, commemorates the emancipation of African Americans from slavery and celebrates Black culture.

Eugene Juneteenth will be at Alton Baker Park on June 18, and Monday June 19 is the federal Juneteenth holiday. Smith says previous Eugene Juneteenths have had 1,500 to 2,000 attendees. She co-founded the event four years ago with Vanessa Fuller, who is also the performance coordinator.

This year, the celebration will have eight food trucks, a number of headliners, and that focus on Black hair as well as on Black businesses. The Black Hair Matters theme

will be “showcasing any hair stylist that can style Black hair,” Smith says. Locally, she says there are two main salons styling Black hair — Blessings Hair Design and Hapi Hair Studio — but, she says, “People from all different background and walks of life are learning to style Black hair.”

Smith says Juneteenth’s Hair Zone will feature a huge art display with photographs of hair styles and variations on styles like cornrows, curls, Bantu knots and more. Smith points out that Black people face “little barriers that people don’t think about,” from helmets not designed for Black hair to Black ballet dancers being asked to wear pink tights that don’t come close to their flesh tones.

In addition to food trucks ranging from Ethiopian to Haitian cuisine, the event will feature Zimbabwean-born musician Munya Mambira as a headliner with full band and dance choreography, which Smith calls “lively and upbeat Afro Beat.” Also on the roster will be Maya Francine Thomas singing the hits of Billie Holiday, and a number of local Black performers.

*The free event is noon to 7 pm June 18, at Alton Baker Park. People who want to support Eugene Juneteenth can contribute via PayPal or Venmo by searching for Eugene Juneteenth Celebration on those apps or contact EugeneJuneteenthCelebration@gmail.com. Find Eugene Juneteenth on social media or go to EugeneJuneteenth.com.*

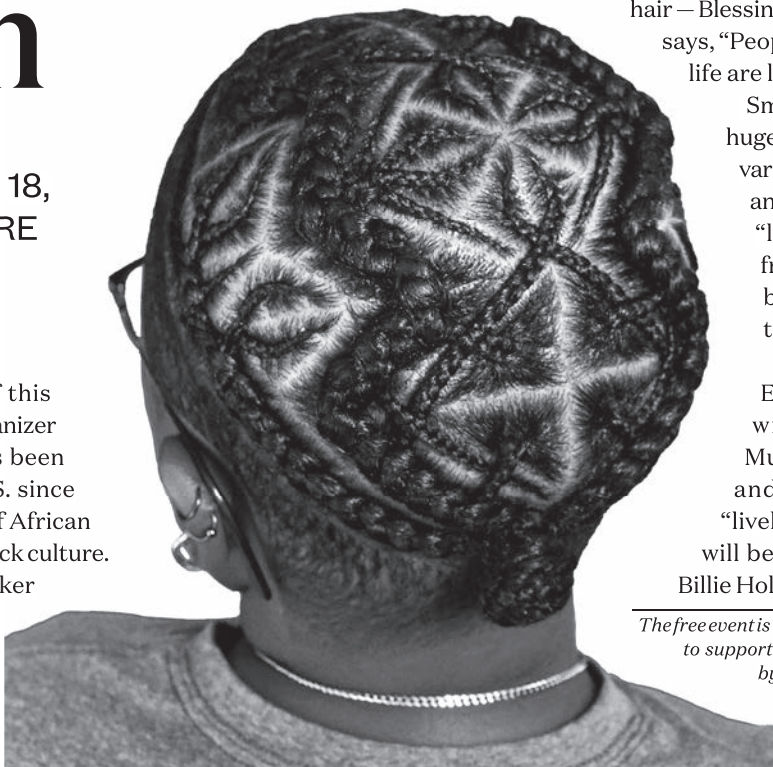


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• **It makes no sense to even think about recalling Rep. Paul Holvey**, one of our most outstanding Oregon legislators and a staunch labor advocate, but UFCW Local 555 is pushing on. His friends and political colleagues are organizing to fight this recall, and that's an impressive group. The union says it's got years of beef with Holvey and the Legislature not doing what UFCW wants them to, but we wonder what the heck is actually behind this. For one thing, other unions like SEIU Local 503 are backing Holvey. Somebody stands to benefit, and it's not the workers Holvey has advocated for his whole career. Also, what about recalling the Republicans who have walked out of the Legislature and prevented important bills from being passed?

• **Speaking of politics, the results of the May 16 special election are in.** Despite a substantial lead, Ward 7 City Councilor Lyndsie Leech didn't get the more than 50 percent she needed to win, so she will face second highest vote-getter Barbie Walker in the fall. Leech was appointed by the council to replace Claire Syrett, whose spurious recall foreshadowed the current efforts to get rid of Paul Holvey. Neighborhood NIMBY Paul Conte, the subject of several recent letters to the editor, was a major force behind the Syrett recall; the candidate he backed, Janet Ayres, only garnered 19 percent of the vote.

• **Federal Judge Ann Aiken announced her retirement from active service in time for President Joe Biden to name a replacement.** The announcement said that she will step down Dec. 20, or when Biden names her successor, and "It

is her intention to continue to render substantial judicial service as a senior judge." That was wise on Aiken's part in these turbulent political times. The current Supreme Court is a good reminder of why it matters who appoints the judges. Aiken herself was nominated to the court by President Bill Clinton and approved by the Senate in 1998. She was chief judge of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon from 2009 to 2016 and was the first woman to hold that position on the Oregon court.

• **In food and drink news, we've gotten press releases about two popular establishments up for sale.** Falling Sky Brewery founder-turned-business-broker Rob Cohen says in an email that Cornbread Cafe's "visionary owner, Sheree Walters, needs to sell her groundbreaking business in order to take care of her ailing parents." He says Cornbread "received national

acclaim being the first vegan restaurant featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*." The press release says Walters' "goal is to sell Cornbread Cafe to someone that will carry the torch and take it to new places." Back in May, Cohen announced that Gratitude Brewing is up for sale as well.

• **Oregon is supposed to be a clean and green state.** So how do we explain our dirty history of former Gov. John Kitzhaber leaving office with ethics violations and former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt later admitting to raping a 14-year-old girl while he was in office? And now we have Shemia Fagan, recently resigned Oregon secretary of state, under federal investigation after allegations of a long list of violations in regard to her work with the cannabis industry. Maybe we're green, but not so clean.

## HOUSING IS HEALTHCARE

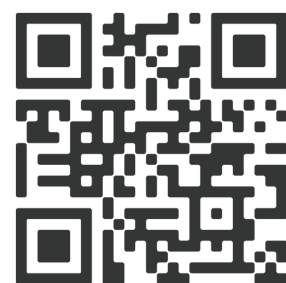
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# CITY OF EUGENE IGNORES STATE LAW ON CAMPING

**OREGON LAW REQUIRES A LOCAL AGENCY THAT DELIVERS SOCIAL SERVICES TO HOMELESS  
INDIVIDUALS BE INFORMED WHERE AND WHEN A 72-HOUR NOTICE IS POSTED.  
BUT EUGENE IS LOOKING THE OTHER WAY.**

BY ALEXIS WEISEND

In the past five years, the city of Eugene has used 72-hour notices to evict unhoused people camping on public property more than 7,000 times, ordering them to move under threat of losing their possessions or paying a fine in court.

Oregon law requires cities like Eugene to seek help for the people they send packing. The law directs cities and counties to alert a social service agency each time they issue a notice and force a homeless camper to move.

It's been state law for nearly 30 years. Yet Eugene ignores this law daily and shows little signs of complying any time soon.

City officials acknowledge they rarely, if ever, notify social service agencies when they evict unhoused people camping on public property. Social service agencies say they receive no alerts from the city, despite the requirement in law.

Eugene officials say they don't follow state law because they fund ongoing outreach services to unhoused people whether or not they have received a notice to pack up and move their camp.

But social services organizations dispute the idea that the city is providing adequate assistance, especially when the city compels homeless campers to move.

White Bird Clinic's Navigation Empowerment Services Team (NEST) has a contract with Eugene to provide outreach services to unhoused people.

Theresa Boudreau, NEST's interim coordinator, says the outreach program would be far more effective if the city alerted her organization where and when they have evicted an unhoused person from a camp.

"We cannot keep guessing where our clients may or may not go, who or where [they] may or may not get swept and provide a continuum of care that will actually make a change in our unhoused crisis," she says.

Mayor Lucy Vinis declined to say whether she was aware Eugene officials were not following the law when it came to notifying social services agencies.

"I am aware of our efforts to address homelessness in this city and the challenges that we face. And I rely on the staff to do that work," Vinis says. "I'm at a policy level — a much higher level — I am not involved in the day-to-day operations of the city."

Vinis also declined to say whether she believes the city should comply with the law. "I believe the city has an obligation to address homelessness in our community to the best of our ability," Vinis says.

City Manager Sarah Medary is responsible for overseeing city policies. She did not respond to *Eugene Weekly's* request for an interview.

Since 1995, Oregon law has had requirements on how cities can evict unhoused people who are camping on public property. For example, a city must post a 72-hour notice before removing an unhoused person from a campsite on public property. (The 2021 Legislature increased the warning time from 24 hours to 72 hours.)

Oregon law also requires cities to develop a policy that "recognizes the social nature of the problem of homeless individuals camping on public property [and] implement the policy as developed, to ensure the most humane treatment for removal of homeless individuals from camping sites on public property."

Here's what the law says about providing services to people the city has swept from their campsites:

"When a 72-hour notice is posted, law enforcement officials shall inform the local agency that delivers social services to homeless individuals as to where the notice has been posted. The local agency may arrange for outreach workers to visit the camping site that is subject to the notice to assess the need for social service assistance in arranging shelter and other assistance."

Former state Sen. Frank Shields, a Portland Democrat, helped write the 1995 law requiring cities to take a proactive step toward connecting unhoused campers with social services if they're forced to move.

Shields says the Legislature wrote the law specifically to guarantee social service agencies could be present to help. Shields says he's distressed that the city of Eugene is ignoring the law.

"They ought to be ashamed of themselves," Shields says. "Where's the humanity in that?"

Eugene is supposed to be known as a very progressive city. What's progressive about this?"

The city has faced criticism that it's been increasing the criminalization of homelessness.

On May 24, the Eugene City Council voted to update its anti-camping ordinance, compelled by a state law meant to protect unhoused people from criminal consequences for camping on public property when they have no other option.

But the city rewrote the rules without making it clear where people could legally sleep outside, and further criminalized homelessness by increasing fines and adding jail time in some instances.

Meanwhile, city officials have increased pressure on the unhoused in other ways.

Eugene officials quickly found a way to dodge the 2021 state law increasing the warning time to 72 hours before a city removes an unhoused camp.

The law requires that "established camps" receive 72 hours' notice, so the city invented a new category for camps in October 2021: "non-established camps." The city says these camps have been in place for less than 24 hours, making them exempt from the law. Instead of 72 hours to move, Eugene only gives "non-established" camps two hours.

Records show city workers have issued more than 1,400 of these rapid eviction notices since the law changed [See "Fast and Furious," *EW*, April 13].

City officials defend their decision to ignore the law. City spokeswoman Cambra Ward Jacobson says in an email to *EW* that the city pays for outreach services that allow nonprofit organizations to look for unhoused people who might need help with finding shelter and other resources.

"By funding street outreach services to the unhoused, including those living in campsites that are posted for cleanup, the City is working to actively connect people with services instead of passively expecting that connection to occur as a result of a notification," Jacobson's email says.

University of Oregon law professor Sarah Adams-Schoen, who researches state and local government law, says the language of the statute is mandatory and that it seems there's only an exception if the city has a more protective policy.

"The whole point of the Oregon statute is to protect people who are really vulnerable, and it creates a duty," she says.

City spokesperson Kelly McIver points to the city's contract with White Bird's NEST program as an example. The city has provided \$200,000 to NEST a year in each of the last two fiscal years, he says.

NEST's Boudreau says her organization's teams go out five days a week for about four to five hours looking for unhoused people to assist. Boudreau says NEST will make contact with clients multiple times to provide case management, but, when camps are suddenly moved, it has to track them down again to continue that assistance.

Boudreau says the city provides no information about where workers have posted notices for unhoused campers to move. If NEST had this information, she says, outreach crews could do far more to support people by helping them keep their belongings and find shelter.

"We try to be as preventative as we can, but we can only do so much with the tools that we have," Boudreau says.

McIver also points to another White Bird program, CAHOOTS, the mobile team that's dispatched through police non-emergency lines and serves as an alternative to police response for nonviolent crises

CAHOOTS Program Coordinator Arlo Silver says that the organization does not receive any alerts from city workers when they force unhoused campers to move. Silver also says CAHOOTS wouldn't participate anyway.

"It is against our values to assist in sweeping camps in this way," Silver says in an email. "In practice, being a default 'resource' in these situations simply makes it easier for the city and for the police to justify displacing people, because they can point to CAHOOTS and say we will take care of the situation."

McIver also says ShelterCare is one of the agencies the city funds to provide street outreach services. But a representative from ShelterCare says the housing and behavioral

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health agency does not do street outreach.

"We do not have a street outreach team," ShelterCare development coordinator Alyssa Gilbert tells *EW*. "We specialize in permanent supportive housing."

City officials point out that they provide campers with a notice that tells them where they can locate social services and shelter on their own.

But Heather Marek of the Oregon Law Center says a piece of paper with a list of resources cannot replace the timely help the law intends to provide unhoused people. Social workers are specifically trained to help people in traumatic situations navigate accessing resources, she says.

Marek says her unhoused clients often don't know where they can go to sleep or get help in Eugene.

She recalls an unhoused person who uses a wheelchair describing police telling her she could move to Eugene Mission, a shelter that was miles away.

"When they relate to me the traumatic event of their sweep, I frequently learn that they specifically asked city staff where they can go and are offered no options, or they tell city staff about their disabilities and ask for help but are offered no assistance," Marek says.

Blake Burrell, the Eugene Human Rights Commission's Homelessness and Poverty Work Group co-chair, says without real-time data on shelter capacities, he wonders how city or outreach workers could know which shelter a camper could go to.

"If the City of Eugene did inform local agencies when and where notices are posted, some agencies may conduct outreach, and in that instance, those organizations may be able to provide more accurate information on programs and daily bed unit inventory to individuals impacted by clearances," Burrell says in an email to *EW*.

Ashley Smith and Jason Maloney, a couple who has been living unhoused in Eugene for more than a year, say they know the experience firsthand.

Smith and Maloney say that in October last year, they were camping in Amazon Park when city workers gave them a 72-hour notice to remove their tent. Maloney says they stayed right up until the deadline. "We always run it to the end because we don't have anywhere to go," Maloney says.

Smith and Maloney say that before they could move their camp, it started pouring rain. They huddled together in their tent, squeezing into the corner of it that was still dry, and fell asleep.

They say police officers woke them up the next day and issued them tickets. Records show police on Oct. 25, 2022, ticketed Smith and Maloney for violating park rules.

The next day, records show, police again charged them with violating park rules and added a criminal trespass charge for each of them.

Smith and Maloney say it would have been helpful to know where they could have found shelter before that rainy night left them with the violations.

But they say finding a shelter that's nearby, open, accepts couples and has available beds is difficult — not to mention lugging their belongings.

Smith says that if Eugene officials had alerted social workers to their location, they would have had a greater opportunity to find shelter.

"If there was a system in place that would facilitate something like that, it would be really beneficial," Smith says. "I don't want to spend the rest of my life in a tent on a street."

*EW* asked Vinis if she thought having the city follow state law would provide more support to unhoused people.

"On a local, county, state and national level, more robust services would help people who are homeless," Vinis said.

Vinis declined to say whether she believed the city should change its approach to the notification law. City officials did not respond to *EW* about whether the city intends to start following the law.

But if the city continues to ignore the law, what's the remedy?

UO law professor Adams-Schoen says, generally speaking, someone could take legal action to make the city follow a state law. "People can seek a declaratory judgment from a court that, essentially, tells the city it isn't complying with the law. Another tool is the writ of *mandamus*, which is used to get a court to order a local government or any other governmental entity to do its duty under state law," she says.

"Although the writ of *mandamus* is not always an available remedy, it is most effective when the legal duty is clear, like it appears to be under this statute."

Marek says that the state law is meant to ensure cities are treating unhoused people humanely and recognizing the social nature of homelessness, as the law requires.

"But what we see is that [when] people are swept," Marek says, "they're pushed into places that are less safe and secure on the fringes of the city instead of getting connected to the shelter and services that could actually help better their situation."

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## It Must Be the Climate

### HEY NW NATURAL : OUR FUTURE IS NOT FOR SALE

The impending climate crisis makes me fear for my future. I went to my first climate strike in eighth grade, and I've been a passionate climate activist ever since. Now, I am a junior at South Eugene High School and leader of the school's climate action club EG350. Youth like me have been trying to create sustainable change in our school communities by starting composting systems, promoting carpooling, and reducing plastic use in our cafeteria. I've been doing my best to reduce emissions, so when I heard that Eugene's electrification ordinance had passed, I was overjoyed.

This ordinance requires that all new homes be built all electric, reducing future emissions. Eugene started to move in the right direction, the first concrete step in meeting Eugene's emission goals outlined in the Climate Recovery Ordinance. But my joy didn't last long. I was outraged when NW Natural, the largest gas utility in Oregon, made it clear that they would do everything in their power to overturn the ordinance.

NW Natural is dead-set on overturning this climate policy but they are ultimately working to protect their short term profits in support of an unrealistic dream of eternal economic growth. They don't care that their profit is at the expense of our future. So called "natural" gas is a fossil fuel that contributes greatly to the climate crisis and is also a health concern. Recent science shows that gas is a source of indoor pollution, and it's unhealthy to breathe it in. Youth are particularly affected, with 12.7% of childhood asthma cases attributed to gas stove use.



Photo by Robert Scherle

NW Natural doesn't care about these effects, they don't care about their customers, they don't care about my future or my lungs.

As a young person, my whole future is ahead of me. If we don't change things soon, my future will be grim. The electrification ordinance only concerns NEW homes. It's about creating a smooth transition to new, more efficient technologies for a better future.

Why would you build new homes with outdated infrastructure? This ordinance is about creating a safer and more sustainable future.

This ordinance has been under consideration for over two years, and many, many people have been at the table. Youth like me, climate supporters, and many others have been testifying and rallying for this policy, demonstrating widespread support. NW Natural's campaign to repeal the ordinance via ballot referendum doesn't increase democratic processes in Eugene, it only allows the gas corporation to pump millions of dollars into misleading the public. In fact, by pushing for a vote

on this ordinance, NW Natural would be cutting off our youth voices, we who have been at the forefront of this fight; we who have the most to lose. While my generation will be the most impacted by climate change, we are not yet eligible to vote so our voices are effectively silenced. For youth like me, even the thought of the electrification ordinance being overturned is a disaster.

Eugene's electrification ordinance is the first step in a long line of necessary actions to prevent the worst impacts of the climate crisis. This should have been an easy win, but it has turned into a heated battle. What does this say about the future of necessary climate policy in Eugene? I'm tired of policies essential to our survival getting politicized. I'm tired of big corporations selfishly slowing our progress just to defend their dirty profits. For the sake of my generation and our future, we need these policies, and we need to pass them quickly.

Still, there is hope. NW Natural isn't splurging for nothing, they're doing so because they know we're a threat. As a historically green city, and the first city in Oregon to pass an electrification ordinance, Eugene has the power to lead change. We can't let them strip us of this power. Others are already following suit. Ashland's City Council just voted unanimously to follow in Eugene's footsteps and draft electrification ordinance language following a strong youth-led movement. As Eugene youth, we aren't able to vote on a ballot measure but we will not be silenced. We won't let fossil fuel interests/NW Natural steal our future.

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He has preached and advocated for peace and emphasized human values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance and self-discipline. On the afternoon of May 10, 2013, the 14th Dalai Lama — the political and spiritual leader of Tibet who lives in exile as a refugee in India and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 — did just that to a packed house at Eugene’s Matthew Knight Arena. To commemorate that day, the Palmo Center for Peace and Education in Eugene has every year organized a peace run. This year’s **10th Annual Eugene Peace Run** at Alton Baker Park invites all runners, walkers and strollers to join. Additionally, children and adults can make prayer flags at the Peace Place or help make a community mandala from recycled materials. Make the day about inner peace. “World peace must develop from inner peace,” the Dalai Lama said in Eugene. “Peace is not just the mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion.”

*The 10th Annual Eugene Peace Run, a 5k or 10k run and walk to commemorate the Dalai Lama’s visit to Eugene in 2013, is 9 am Saturday, June 17, at Alton Baker Park. Registration for the run is at [PalmoCenter.org](http://PalmoCenter.org) or in-person on the day of the run. \$25-35. All other events at the gathering are FREE. — Dan Buckwalter*

## THURSDAY JUNE 15

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Arts & Culture Roundtables—Spring Series, 4-6pm, Midtown Art Ctr., 174 E. 16th Ave. FREE.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Monroe Farmers Market, 4-7pm, Monroe High School, 365 N. 5th St., Monroe.

Farmers Market: Night Market (every 3rd Thu. thru Sept. 21), 6-10pm, Farmers Market Pavillion, 85 E. 8th Ave.

### GATHERINGS

Hearing Voices and Different Realities Discussion & Support Group, 10-11:30am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave. bldg. B. FREE.

Retired Senior Providers of Lane County — Trauma Intervention Program, 2pm, Atria Sheldon Oaks Retirement, 2525 Cal Young Rd. FREE.

Queer, Trans & Disability Group, 6-7pm today & Thu., June 22. Email [Info@Transponder.Community](mailto:Info@Transponder.Community) for link.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Summer Reading Program (thru Aug.), all Eugene

Public Library locations. FREE.

Family Storytime, 10:15am today & Thu., June 22, Bethel Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Storytime in the Park w/ Eugene Public Library, 10:15am today & Thu., June 22, Awbrey Park, 4291 River Rd. FREE.

Tiny Human Survival Training: Support group for expecting & new parents, 6-7pm today & Thu., June 22, Nurturely, 56 E. 15th Ave. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Intro to Creating Your Budget, 11am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### MUSIC

KT & The Love Notes, folk, 6pm, McKenzie General Store & Obsidian Grill, 91837 Taylor Rd., McKenzie Bridge. No Cover (N/C).

Open Blues Jam w/ host Dave Roberts, 6pm, Jimmy Mac’s Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

The Brook & Steve Show, variety, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

Russell James, singer-songwriter, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Britt Festival Orchestra w/ Anne Akiko Meyers, violinist, 7:30pm, Britt Music Festival, 350 1st St., Jacksonville. \$10-49.

Oasis Ensemble, classical, 7:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. N/C.

Family Mystic, R&B-soul, 8pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$25-28.

Generifus, indie-pop, w/ Bog Standard & Mime Tribes, 9pm, Sam Bond’s, 407 Blair Blve. \$5.

Grateful Dead Jam, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

Funk Jam!, 9:30pm, Luckey’s Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Bingo Thursdays!, 5pm today & Thu., June 22, ColdFire Brewing Company, 263 Mill St. FREE.

Karaoke, 6pm today & Thu., June 22, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Reality Songwriter Open Mic, 6pm today & Thu., June 22, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE.

Cribbage Tournament, 6:30-8pm today & Thu., June 22, Falling Sky Delicatessen, 790 Blair Blvd. More info at [EugeneCribbage.com](http://EugeneCribbage.com).

Trivia! w/ Sam Nussbaum, 6:30pm today & Thu., June 22 Claim 52 Kitchen, 1203 Willamette St., ste. 140. FREE.

Quality Trivia w/ Chris!, 6:30pm today & Thu., June 22, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. FREE.

Trivia w/ Rob & Lorraine, 7pm today & Thu., June 22, Swallowtail Spirits, 111 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 7pm today & Thu., June 22, The Highlands, 390 E. 40th Ave. & The Pedlar, 416 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Crystal Harmony Karaoke, 7:30pm & June 22, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 8pm today & Thu., June 22, Doc’s Pad, 710 Willamette St. & The Wild Goat, 1675 Franklin Blvd. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm today & Thu., June 22, The Monkey’s Paw Tiki Bar, 420 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Lip SYNC Xtravaganza w/ Petra Etc, 9pm today & Thu., June 22, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM.

“Racism, Empire & Survival” w/ Jack Dresser, 7pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM & simulcast at [KEPW.org](http://KEPW.org).

### RECREATION

Therapeutic Yoga, 4:30-6pm, Owen Rose Garden, 300 N. Jefferson St. \$20.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Wenatchee Apple Sox vs. Springfield Drifters, 6:35pm, Hamlin Middle School, 326 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. Tickets at [DriftersBaseball.com](http://DriftersBaseball.com).

### THEATER

Roving Park Players presents: *Julius Caesar*, 6pm today, Fri., Sat., Sun. & Thu., June 22, Petersen Barn Community Ctr., 870 Berntzen Rd. FREE.

*Book of Will*, 7:30pm today, Fri., Sat. & Thu., June 22, 2:30pm, Sun., Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr Cottage Grove. \$15-27.

## FRIDAY JUNE 16

### GATHERINGS

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Meeting, 10-11:30am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Sheldon Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE.

### MUSIC

El Borko, surf rock, 6pm, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. N/C.

The Henry Cooper Trio, blues-roots, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

Death Cab For Cutie, 6:30pm, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale. Sold out.

The Joanne Broh Band ft. Garry Meziere, blues-soul, 7pm, Mac’s Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

The Just Clark Band, Americana, 7pm, Thinking Tree Spirits, 88 Jackson St. N/C.

Female singer-songwriters ft. Dace Whiteley, Calliope Renee Pettis, Oliva Wood & Rebecca Egeland, 7:30pm,

Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. \$5 sug. don.

Howlin’ Dogma, blues, 7:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

The Dewdroppers, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$15.

Blü Egyptian, funk-bluegrass-reggae, 8pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. No price listed.

The Survivors, rock, 8pm, The Emers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

Flight Attendant, indie rock, w/ Nick Gamer, 9pm, Sam Bond’s, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Inherited Extinction, rock, w/ Misery Whip & Gravewitch, 9pm, John Henry’s, 881 Willamette St. \$10.

Left on Wilson, garage rock, w/ Upstate Quartet, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

### NIGHTLIFE

Laser Shows: David Bowie, 7pm, \$7.50, Lady Gaga, 8pm, \$7.50. Eugene Science Ctr., 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy.

Karaoke, 8pm, Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Karaoke, 8pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 8pm, Denny’s, 987 Kruse Way, Spfd. FREE.

Karaoke, 8:30pm, Slice Downtown, 910 Willamette St. FREE.

Church of ‘80s Night, 9pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$4.

DJ Meow Mix, 9pm, The Cooler Bar, 20 Centennial Lp. FREE.

Latinx Night, 9pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. \$5.

Scrumptious Scoundrels Burlesque, 10pm, Old Nick’s Pub, 211 Washington St. \$10-13.

### SOCIAL DANCE

Salsa & Bachata Night, 9pm, Vet’s Club, 1626 Willamette St. \$8.

### TEENS

Outdoor Essentials w/ Eugene Public Library, 3pm, Sheldon Community Ctr., 2445 Willakenzie Rd. FREE.

### THEATER

*Rent, The Musical*, 7:30pm today & Sat., 2pm Sun., Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette St. \$19-55.

## SATURDAY JUNE 17

### ART/CRAFT

Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 10am-1pm, Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th Ave., studio 136. \$8.

Outdoor Sketching Group, 1-2:30pm, Alton Baker Park. \$5-10.

Father’s Day Key Fob felting, 2-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd. \$3.

Paint & Sip — Wise Owl (Art w/ Alejandro), 3-5pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 224. \$30-45.

### DANCE

Bounce Gymnastics & Circus Arts Center: *How To Train Your Dragon*, 1pm & 6pm, Soreng Theater, Hult Ctr. Tickets start at \$23.

Eugene Ballet Academy: *Under the Sea*, 2pm, Silva Concert Hall, Hult Ctr. Tickets start at \$16.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Lane County Farmers Market, 85 E. 8th Ave.

Upriver Organics Farm Stand, 9am-6pm today, 10am-4pm Sun., Upriver Organics, 44382 McKenzie Hwy., Walterville.

South Valley Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, South Valley Farmers Market, 7th & Main, Cottage Grove.

### FOOD/DRINK

Wag & Wine, noon-4 pm, LaVelle Vineyards, 89697 Sheffler Road Elmira, Oregon. \$25-60.

### GATHERINGS

10th Annual Eugene Peace Run, 9am, Alton Baker Park. Reg. & other info at [PalmoCenter.org](http://PalmoCenter.org) or 541-335-1225.

TransParent Support Group, 11am-12:30pm. Email [Info@Transponder.Community](mailto:Info@Transponder.Community) for link.

Pixie Panic! Presents Nerd Pride, noon-7pm, Books With Pictures, 99 W. Broadway #C. FREE.

CLDC’s 20th Anniversary Party, 5-10pm, Dorris Ranch, 205 Dorris St. Spfd. Don.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Summer Reading Challenge, June 17-Aug. 25, Spfd. Public Library, 225 5St., ste. 301, Spfd. Info at [WhereMindsGrow.org](http://WhereMindsGrow.org).

Playtime, drop-in 10am-noon, Bethel Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Family Storytime, 10:15am, 11:15am & 12:15am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

Let’s Roll! Skate Party, 2-5pm, Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$7-10.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Breathwork & Sound, 10-11:30am, Creative Spirit Collaborative, 739 W. 5th Ave. \$20.

Gearing Up for Pollinator Week, 10am-2pm, OSU Extension Service, Lane County, 996 Jefferson St. FREE.

Pigs in the Garden, 1-3pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20-50.

### MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-4pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

### MUSIC

Eugene Saturday Market Stage: Lucina Woods, singer-songwriter, 10am; Lennon Korv, singer-songwriter, 11am; Boxcar Figaro, Americana, noon; Anya Lecuyer & Friends, rock-R&B-soul-blues-funk, 1pm; Rob Tobias Band, folk pop, 2:30pm. Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. N/C.

Katie Sontag, singer-songwriter, 11am, South Valley Farmers Market, 7th & Main, Cottage Grove. N/C.

Joanne Broh, Sonny Hess, Lisa Mann, Claudia Paige & Linda Kanter, NW women rocking blues-R&B, 5pm, Bennett Vineyards & Wine Co., 25974 OR-36, Cheshire. N/C.

Sage Vagabond, Americana, 5pm, & Bake Club, folk, 7:30pm, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. N/C.

Colin Trio, folk, 6pm, McKenzie General Store & Obsidian Grill, 91837 Taylor Rd., McKenzie Bridge. N/C.

Lea Jones, Americana, 6pm, 16 Tons, 2864 Willamette St. N/C.

Geoffrey Mays, singer-songwriter, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

RIFFLE, blues-R&B-rock, 6pm, LaVelle Vineyards, 89697 Sheffler Rd., Elmira. N/C..

Drive to Space, keyboard trio, ft. Felix Blades, guitar, 6:30pm, Slice Pizzeria & Bar, 325 Blair Blvd. N/C.

The Jazz Symbiosis Trio, 6:30pm, Jazzy Ladies Cafe & Club, 560 Oak St. N/C.

Katelyn Convery, singer-songwriter, w/ Blue Carvinale & Emma Lynn Abrams, 7pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. \$10 sug. don.

Oryan Peterson-Jones, Americana-folk, 7pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$5.

The Blue Owens Band, blues, 7pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Bake Club, Americana, 7:30pm, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. N/C.

Real Gone Trio, rockabilly, 7:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

The Downhill Jam, skate-punk-rock, 8pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$15-18.

The Survivors, 8pm, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

Bad Luck Blackouts, punk, w/ Security in Numbers & Silence Mill, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Beach Bash w/ Steve Luvlights, Cameron Day, Charlie GTB & more, hip hop, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5-10.

#### NIGHTLIFE

Drag Bingo!, 5pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. First card FREE, \$3 per card after.

Karaoke Night, 8pm, Doc's Pad, 710 Willamette St. FREE.

Karaoke, 8:30pm, Slice Downtown, 910 Willamette St. FREE.

Siren Society Burlesque — Aquamarine Dreams, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$12.

Hello Summer! 90s vs 2000's Dance Party!, 10pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$5.

#### ON THE AIR

Global Music Connections, 1pm, 97.3 FM or KEPW.org.

#### OUTDOORS

Father's Day Historic Neighborhood Tour, 10-11:30am today & Sun., Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette St. Don., FREE for dads.

#### RECREATION

The Redmond Half Marathon, 10k & 5k Run, 7am, downtown Redmond. Reg. at BendRaces.com.

Lunar Practice, 7:30-8:45pm, Eugene Yoga South, 3575 Donald St., #180. \$20.

#### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Ballard FC vs. Lane United men, 7pm, Civic Park, 2077 Willamette St. \$10.

POW! Pro Wrestling Presents "Let It Reign," 7pm, Whirled Pies Downtown, 199 W. 8th Ave. \$10-35.

#### THEATER

Coyote Call Circus: *The Dream Unfolding*, 2:30-7pm today & Sun., Deva Station, 3675 W. 1st Ave. \$40-60, sliding scale.

Eugene Performing Arts Center presents: *Throwback Theatre*, 6pm, The Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. \$17.

## SUNDAY

### JUNE 18

#### FATHER'S DAY

##### ART/CRAFT

Paint & Sip — Father & Son Fishing (Art w/ Alejandro), 3-5pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 224. \$30-45.

##### COMEDY

Comedy Open Mic, 8pm, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette St. FREE.

##### DRAG

Drag Brunch w/ Lyta Blunt, noon-2pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

##### GATHERINGS

Summer Sunday Raptor Tour, 9am, Cascades Raptor Ctr., 32275 Fox Hollow Rd. \$30-40. Reg. at CascadesRaptorCenter.org or at 541-485-1320.

Eugene Juneteenth Celebration — *Black Hair Matters*, noon-7pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

Deep Discussion Series, 6-7pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE.

##### KIDS/FAMILY

Fun w/ Textures, 1-5pm drop-in, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

#### GATHERINGS

Eugene Juneteenth Celebration — “Black Hair Matters,” noon-7pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

##### KIDS/FAMILY

Fun w/ Building, 1pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

The Vaudeville Hour, 5:30pm, The Shedd. FREE.

##### LECTURES/CLASSES

Make Your Own Herbal Syrup & Elixir, 2-5pm, Rooted Remedies, 271 W. 8th Ave. \$45.

Women's Self-Defense Class (ages 14+), 2-3pm, Art of War MMA, 164 W. Broadway. \$5-50, sliding scale.

##### MARKETS

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, W. 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd.

Free Market, 1-3pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

##### MUSIC

The Traceys, Americana, 1pm, LaVelle Vineyards, 89697 Sheffler Rd., Elmira. N/C.

Irish Jam, 4pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. N/C.

Sunday Eastside Jam, 5pm signup, 6pm music, Twisted River Saloon, 1444 Main St., Spfd. N/C.

Callous Daoboy, 9 pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$12.

Subversive Sunday EDM Night, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

##### NIGHTLIFE

Open Mic, 5-7pm, ColdFire Brewing Company, 263 Mill St. FREE.

Test Your Smarts Trivia, 6-8pm, Graduate Eugene, 66 E 6th Ave. FREE.

Open Mic, 7-10pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE.

Crystal Harmony Karaoke, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

Karaoke w/ Kevbot, 9pm, Old Nick's, 211 Washington St. FREE.

Siren Song Burlesque, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$10.

##### ON THE AIR

Island Earth Radio, 8am, KEPW, 97.3 FM.

Radiolab, 10am, KLCC, 89.7 FM.

##### RECREATION

Yoga + Beer, 10-11am, The Public House, 418

A St., Spfd. Info at PublicHouseHub.com.

Eugene Community Movement & Ecstatic Dance, 11am-1pm, 118 Merry Ln. Mmeyer@efn.org for more info. FREE.

Honoring the Moon in Ritual, 6:30-8pm, Creative Spirit Collaborative, 739 W. 5th Ave. \$20.

##### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Capital FC vs. Lane United Women, 2pm, Civic Park, 2077 Willamette St. \$10.

##### SPIRITUAL

Religion & Spirituality, 10am, Baha'i Ctr., 1458 Alder St., parking behind. FREE.

Zen Meditation, 4:30-6pm, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr., 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

## MONDAY

### JUNE 19

#### JUNETEENTH

##### COMEDY

Open Mic, 6pm, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

##### GATHERINGS

Lifeguard and Swim Instructor Hiring Event, 4-6pm, Willamalane Park Swim Ctr., 1276 G St., Spfd. FREE.

Eugene Frontrunners: A run/walk club for LGBTQIA+ folk & friends, 6pm, Amazon (Rexius) Trail Lp., 24th Ave. & Amazon Pkwy. FREE.

Integration Meetings, 7pm, 8:15pm breath work, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE-\$50, sliding scale.

Refuge Recovery Buddha Eye meeting, 7-8:30pm, Buddha Eye Temple, 2190 Garfield St. FREE.

##### LECTURES/CLASSES

Wildcrafting w/ Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah's Native Plant Nursery, 9am-noon, 34639 Frank Parrish Rd. \$45.

##### MUSIC

Local Music Mondays, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

The Freeks, heavy psych, w/ Creep Creep Janga, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$10.

##### NIGHTLIFE

Bingo, 6-8pm, Gryff's Pub, 720 S. A St., Spfd. FREE.

Cribbage, 6:30pm, ColdFire Brewing, 263 Mill St. 4-game tournament, \$3 buy-in. Info at EugeneCribbage.com.

Trivia Mondays, 6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

Beats & Boards Eugene, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Open mic, 7pm, Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. FREE.

Bingo, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. FREE.

## TUESDAY

### JUNE 20

##### ARTS/CRAFTS

Artistic Encounters, Tue., Wed. & Thu. thru Sept. 28, noon-1pm, Kesey Square, Willamette St & E. Broadway. FREE.

Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 6-9pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. \$8 drop-in.

##### CIVICS

Lane County Board of Commissioners, 9am, Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th Ave.

##### COMEDY

First Draft Open Mic, 6:30pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

##### FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Farmers Market Pavilion & Plaza, 85 E 8th Ave.

##### FILM

*Young at Heart: Rock 'n roll will never die*, 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. (at Chambers). FREE.

##### GATHERINGS

Sips of Happiness Mindfulness Class, 1-2pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg. B. Sliding scale.

World Refugee Day 2023 (Lane County Afghan refugees gather to share their stories), 6pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. FREE.

Death Cafe, 6:30-8:30pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette St. FREE.

##### KIDS/FAMILY

4-H STEAM Summer Camp, thru June 23, 9am-3pm daily, OSU Extension Service, Lane County, 996 Jefferson St. \$40-50.

Baby Storytime, 10:15am & 11:15am, Eugene Public Library. N/C.

Bright Heart Circus Show Spectacular —Summer

Reading Kick-Off Event, 10:30-11:30am, Spfd. Public Library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

Tween Writing Club, 2pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

##### LECTURES/CLASSES

Garden Pollinators, 11am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

##### LITERARY ARTS

Releasing w/ Writing, 11:30am-12:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E 19th Ave., Bldg. B. \$5-15, sliding scale.

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Email Info@Transponder.Community for link.

##### MUSIC

Rich Fisher, singer-songwriter, 6:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. N/C.

Rooster's Blues Jam, 7pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Shedd Choral Society: Gustav Holst, 7:30pm, The Shedd. N/C.

Snarky Puppy, jazz, 7:30pm, The Hult Ctr. \$45.50-75.

The Shedd Choral Society presents Gustav Holst: Three Folk Songs, 7:30pm, Sheffer Recital Hall at The Shedd. N/C.

##### NIGHTLIFE

Karaoke, 6pm, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Geeks Who Drink Trivial, 7pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. FREE.

##### RECREATION

Gentle and Restorative Yoga, 10-11am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg. B. FREE.

Nia Moving to Heal, 5-6pm. Reg. at HealingAttention.org.

##### SOCIAL DANCE

Salsa Dancing, 7-10pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

International Folk Dancing, 7:30-9:30pm, Friends Meeting, 2274 Onyx.

##### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Springfield Drifters vs Bend Elks, 6:35pm, Hamlin Middle School, 326 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. Tickets at DriftersBaseball.com.

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Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr., 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

## TEENS

Youth Discover Project, 4-6pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

## WEDNESDAY

JUNE 21

## SUMMER SOLSTICE

## ART/CRAFT

Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 6:15-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave. \$8 drop-in.

## COMEDY

Open Mic, 5pm, The Kind Hop, 2023 River Rd. FREE.

## FILM

Springfilm Presents: *Judas and the Black Messiah*, 6:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. FREE

## GATHERINGS

Summer Solstice Cemetery Tour, 5-7pm, Laurel Grove Cemetery, 116 Judkins Rd., Glenwood,. FREE.

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Recovery Meeting, 5:30-7pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

## KIDS/FAMILY

Bilingual StoryWalks, all day thru Aug. 30, Acorn Park, Buck St. FREE.

Baby Connection, for infants up to 1, 11am-noon, ParentingNow.org.

Children's Garden Club (ages 5-11), 4-6pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

Walk It Off with the Y — Launch Party!, 5:30-6:30pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

Pajama Storytime, 6pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

## MUSIC

RIFFLE, blues-R&B-rock, 5:30pm, Heritage Courtyard at Oakway Ctr. Coburg Rd, & Oakway Rd. N/C.

Mike Oregano, reggae-hip hop, 7pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Karan Casey, Irish singer-songwriter, 7:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. \$22.50.

8 Kalacas, ska, w/ guest Raygun Cowboys, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$15.

Holy Catholic Social Club, indie rock, w/ Parlor Hour & Noise Bloom, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

## NIGHTLIFE

What Do You Know? Trivia, 5pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

Beer, Banter & Quality Trivia, 6pm, Hop Valley Brewing Co., 990 W. 1st. Ave. FREE.

3rd Wednesday Cribbage, 6:30-9pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette St. FREE.

Bingo Wednesdays w/ Ty Connor, 7-8:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Scrumptious Scoundrel's Burlesque, 7pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$15.

Trivia, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette St. FREE.

Open Mic, 7-8pm, The Kind Hop, 2023 River Rd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 7pm, The Barger Grill, 4261 Barger Dr., & Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Open Mic, 8:30pm, Mulligan's Pub, 2841 Willamette St. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm, The Webfoot, 839 E. 13th Ave. FREE.

Karaoke w/ Lyta Blunt, 9pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

## RECREATION

Queer Youth Yoga (8-12), 4pm, Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Walk It Off with the Y: Sports Fan Day, 5:30-6:30pm, Alton Baker Park,. FREE.

Gender Diverse Yoga (13+), 6-7pm, Sheldon Community Ctr., 2445 Willakenzie Rd. FREE.

Summer Solstice Yoga Ceremony, 7-8:15pm, Eugene Yoga South, 3575 Donald St., #180. \$20.

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

Springfield Drifters vs Bend Elks, 6:35pm, Hamlin Middle School, 326 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. Tickets at DriftersBaseball.com.

Eugene Emeralds vs Vancouver Canadians, 6:35pm, PK Park. Tickets at MiLB.com.

## TEENS

Poetry & Songwriting Workshop, 2pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

## THURSDAY

JUNE 22

## BENEFITS

Benefit for Bike Valet, Inc., 11am-11pm, Papa's Pizza, 1700 W. 11th. Flier at PapasPizza.net

9th-Annual Bee Jazzy Celebration, benefit for Beyond Toxics, 5:30-9pm, Silvan Ridge Winery, 27012 Briggs Hill Rd. \$35.

## COMEDY

Players Hater's Ball, Vol. 2, hosted by K.I. Design, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

## GATHERINGS

Nature Night — Wetlands and Watersheds, 4:30-7:30pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. FREE w/ gen. admission.

## MUSIC

Open Blues Jam w/ host Dave Roberts, 6pm, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

The Porch Band, folk, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

Jerry Zybach, blues, 6pm, McKenzie General Store & Obsidian Grill, 91837 Taylor Rd., McKenzie Bridge. N/C.

Mike Oregano, one-man band, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C..

Q Morrow, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$15.

Hold Fast, alt rock, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Unit Code Machine, industrial, w/ DJ landustrial, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St.. \$13.

Funk Jam!, 9:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

## NIGHTLIFE

Trivia hosted by Queer Alliance & HIV Alliance, 6pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. N/C.

## ON THE AIR

Joni Mitchell Summer Solstice Radio Special, 8-10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM.

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# Art that Heals

KARIN CLARKE SHOWS PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST BY NAEEMEH NAEEMAEI

By Ester Barkai

**C**an art heal nature? The idea that it can is a driving force behind Naeemeh Naeemeh's art, now on view until June 24 in *Naeemeh Naeemeh: JAAN* at the Karin Clarke Gallery.

Clarke typically exhibits "master painters of Oregon," most of whom are drawn to landscapes. This exhibit of Naeemeh's work is a departure, since it is photography, not painting, and the artist is from Iran. She actually resides in Chicago now, but lived in Eugene from 2018 to 2021 while her husband pursued a graduate degree at the University of Oregon.

The large photographs — they measure 40 by 60 inches — of the Willamette National Forest in the *JAAN* series were taken during the time she lived here. They were first exhibited last year in *The Presence of Nature* at the Schneider Museum of Art in Ashland in a group exhibit with works by Olga Volchkova and Claire Burbridge.

"Jaana" is a Persian word, Naeemeh says in her artist statement, that means "soul, life, and also dearest."

Before coming to the U.S., growing up in Iran, Naeemeh collected leaves and pods, things with seeds, stems with unusually shaped botanics. Then, before she left her home country, she took pictures of these things and brought them with her, leaving

the collection behind. In addition to *JAAN*, a second series called *Arterioles*, comprising 24 of her photographs from Iran, is on display.

The *Arterioles* series consists of intimately sized black and white pictures that resemble drawings. Defined as "mixed-media on paper," they've been modified by hand and tinted red in places, and they complement the eight more showy, large and very green photographs of the Willamette Forest that are the *JAAN* series.

Together, *Arterioles* and *JAAN* present a micro and macro picture of nature, as well as offering us a view of Naeemeh's evolution as an artist: the small observations she made coming of age in Iran to the larger statements she's currently making about the environment.

Naeemeh thinks of herself as a healer-artist. She says she tries to "play the role of a healer by getting into cracks and wounds as an artery." In *JAAN* she visualizes her presence in the landscape with "a delicate red scarf," and in *Arterioles*, she adds tints of red that include her own blood.

Naeemeh first came to Clarke's attention in 2019 in the wonderful *Dreams Before Extinction* exhibit at Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

In response to that show, Clarke says, "I liked that she put herself in her artwork." Clarke is a painter, too, and has lately realized she prefers to paint interiors rather than exteriors, depicting herself in some of those interior scenes.

Naeemeh's work that Clarke saw at the JSMA exhibit was acrylic or oil painting on canvas. The representational style of those paintings was realistic, often with a surreal or fantastic edge. The photographs of the forest in *JAAN* are giclee prints on canvas. I was struck, upon first entering the gallery, by how similar the look of the photographs is to the artist's previous realistic approach to painting.

The surreal touch is still present, though, as the red scarf stands for a human presence in all the forest images. It floats, hides, protects. It stands as a symbol for a hopeful healing presence — the same as it does in the stylistically different *Arterioles* series.

In *Dreams Before Extinction*, Naeemeh referenced animals, landscapes and mythology from her native Iran. In this exhibit, the references are less specific to one culture. Her wish to heal now seems more directed to all the forests.

One of the large photographs, titled "JAAN #5," is a close-up of the red scarf. The cloth is on the ground circling a slug, and the composition is such that the slug is in the center of the frame. The image reminds me of Andy Goldsworthy, the land or environmental artist who's been using the Earth as a stage for his art for decades. Goldsworthy moved elements of nature that he found, such as leaves or rocks, into differently ordered formations, like circles or spirals.

Naeemeh doesn't move things, Clarke says.

The scarf is laid around the animal, protecting it. She doesn't want to change nature, she wants to picture it unchanged — unharmed. ■

*Naeemeh Naeemeh: JAAN runs through June 24 at Karin Clarke Gallery, 760 Willamette Street. Hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm Wednesday through Friday and 10 am to 4 pm Saturday. The artist's conversation at the gallery is available for viewing at KarinClarkeGallery.com. Naeemeh Naeemeh's amazing art explores the question of how humans can help heal the environment in which we live. You can see it at Karin Clarke Gallery through June 24.*

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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Aries-born Vincent van Gogh's painting *Potato Eaters* shows five people in a dark room barely illuminated by lamplight. Seated around a small table, they use their hands to eat food they have grown themselves. Vincent wanted to convey the idea that they “dug the earth with the very hands they put into their bowls.” I don't expect you to do anything quite so spectacularly earthy in the coming weeks, Aries, but I would love to see you get very up close and personal with nature. I'd also love to see you learn more about where the fundamental things in your life originate. Bonus points if you seek adventures to bolster your foundations and commune with your roots.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Renowned Mexican artist Diego Rivera emerged from his mother's womb in 1886. But some observers suggest that Rivera's soul was born in 1920: a pivotal time when he found his true calling as an artist. During a visit to Italy, as he gazed at the murals of 15th-century mural painters, “he found the inspiration for a new and revolutionary public art capable of furthering the ideals of the ongoing revolution in his native land,” in the words of art historian Linda Downs. I will be extra dramatic and speculate that you may have a comparable experience in the coming months, dear Taurus: a rebirth of your soul that awakens vigorous visions of what your future life can be.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Among her many jobs, my triple Gemini friend Alicia has worked as a deep-sea rescue diver, an environmental activist, a singer in a band, a dog food taster, an art teacher for kids, and a volunteer at a sleep lab researching the nature of dreams. Do I wonder if she would be wise to commit herself to one occupation? Not really. I respect her decision to honor her ever-shifting passions. But if there ever comes a time when she will experiment with a bit more stability and constancy, it may come during the next 11 months. You Geminis are scheduled to engage in deep ruminations about the undiscovered potentials of regularity, perseverance and commitment.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): As religious sects go, the Shakers are the most benign. Since their origin in the 18th century, they have had as many women as men in leadership roles. They practice pacifism, disavow consumerism, and don't try to impose their principles on others. Their worship services feature dancing as well as singing. I'm not suggesting you become a Shaker, Cancerian, but I do hope that in the coming months, you will place a premium on associating with noble groups whose high ideals are closely aligned with your own. It's time to build and nurture your best possible network.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): For years, Mario A. Zacchini worked at a circus as a “human cannonball.” On thousands of occasions, he was shot out of a cannon at 90 miles per hour. “Flying isn't the hard part,” he testified. “Landing in the net is.” His work might sound dangerous, but he lived to age 87. Let's make Mario your role model for a while, Leo. I hope he will inspire you to be both adventurous and safe, daring but prudent. I trust you will seek exhilarating fun even as you insist on getting soft landings.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): One of my favorite astrology teachers, Stephen Arroyo, notes, “Most people have a strong opinion about astrology, usually quite extreme, even though 95 percent have never studied it whatsoever.” Of course, astrology is not the only subject about which people spout superficial ideas based on scant research. Viral epidemiology is another example. Anyway, Virgo, I am asking you to work hard to avoid this behavior during the rest of 2023. Of all the zodiac signs, you have the greatest potential to express thoughtful ideas based on actual evidence. Be a role model for the rest of us! Show us what it means to have articulate, well-informed opinions.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Meditation teacher Cheri Huber wrote a book called *Be the Person You Want to Find*. This would be an excellent title for your life story during the next ten months. I hope you will soon ruminate on how to carry out such a quest. Here are two suggestions. 1. Make a list of qualities you yearn to experience in a dear ally and brainstorm about how to cultivate those qualities in yourself. 2. Name three high-integrity people you admire. Meditate on how you could be more like them in ways that are aligned with your life goals.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Now is a good time to take stock of how you have fared in the Dating and Mating Games through the years. Why? Because you are entering a new chapter of your personal Love Story. The next two years will bring rich opportunities to outgrow stale relationship patterns and derive rich benefits from novel lessons in intimacy. An excellent way to prepare is to meditate on the history of your togetherness. PS: The term “fate bait” refers to an influence that draws you toward the next turning point of your necessary destiny. Be alert for fate bait.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Sagittarian actor Samuel Jackson loves the color purple. He insists on it being featured in his films, and he often wears purple outfits. In *Black Snake Moan*, he plays a purple Gibson guitar. In the animated movie, *Turbo*, he voices the role of a purple racing snail. In his *Star Wars* appearances, he wields a purple lightsaber. Now I am endorsing his obsession for your use. Why? First, it's an excellent time to home in on exactly what you want and ask for exactly what you want. Second, now is a favorable phase to emphasize purple in your own adventures. Astrologers say purple is your ruling color. It stimulates your natural affinity for abundance, expansiveness and openness.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): People who understand the creative process say it's often wise to stay mum about your in-progress work. You may diminish the potency of your projects if you blab about them while they're still underway. I don't think that's true for *all* creative efforts. For example, if we collaborate with partners on an artistic project or business venture, we must communicate well with them. However, I do suspect the transformative efforts you are currently involved in will benefit from at least some secrecy for now. Cultivate the privacy necessary to usher your masterpiece to further ripeness.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Musician Frank Zappa (1940-1993) was a freaky rebel, iconoclastic weirdo and virtuoso experimenter. Everything normal and ordinary was boring to him. He aspired to transcend all categories. And yet he refrained from taking psychedelic drugs and urged his fans to do the same. He said, “We repudiate any substances, vehicles, or procedures which might reduce the body, mind, or spirit of an individual to a state of sub-awareness or insensitivity.” Zappa might have added that some substances temporarily have a pleasing effect but ultimately diminish the life force. In my estimation, Aquarius, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to re-evaluate your relationship with influences that weaken the vitality of your body, mind or spirit. It will also be a favorable period to seek new modes of lasting liberation.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): If you are at a festival or fair where you could win a lot of money by smashing watermelons with your head, I hope you won't do it. Same if you imagine you could impress a potential lover by eating 25 eggs in three minutes: Please don't. Likewise, I beg you not to let yourself be manipulated or abused by anyone for any reason. These days, it's crucial not to believe you can succeed by doing things that would hurt or demean or diminish you. For the foreseeable future, you will be wise to show what you do best and express your highest values. That's the most effective way to get what you want.

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RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Juvenile Court at 272 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Eugene, OR 97401, phone (541) 682-4700 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE under ORS 419B.918 to appear by other means including, but not limited to, telephonic or other electronic means. An attorney may not attend the hearing(s) in your place. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Chris L. Martinez, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 975 Oak Street, Suite 200 Eugene, OR 97401, (541) 686-7973. ISSUED this 22nd day of May 2023. Issued by: /s/ Chris L. Martinez, OSB# 175566, Assistant Attorney General

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** Juvenile Department. In the Matter of BABY BOY STEVENSON, A Child. Case No. 23JU00659 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Kaysha Stevenson aka Kasha D. Stevenson aka Kaysha Danelle Stevenson, 1728 Ferry Street, Apt. #26, Eugene, OR 97401. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Circuit Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on the 6th day of July, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated May 23, 2023. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County. Date of first publication: June 1, 2023. Date of last publication: June 15, 2023. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either on the date specified in this summons or on a future date and may make such orders and take such action as

authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Circuit Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and 541-682-4700 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE under ORS 419B.918 to appear by other means including, but not limited to, telephonic or other electronic means. An attorney may not attend the hearing(s) in your place. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Nicholas R. Balthrop, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 975 Oak Street, Suite 200 Eugene, OR 97401, 541-686-7973. ISSUED this 24th day of May, 2023. Issued by: /s/ Nicholas R. Balthrop, OSB# 153110, Assistant Attorney General

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION, a state chartered credit union, Plaintiff, v. SASHA LIANE LABRECK and JENNIFER LOGAN HARRISON, Defendants. Case No. 22CV35522 SUMMONS TO: Defendant JENNIFER LOGAN HARRISON IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, Plaintiff, for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to wit: CLAIM FOR RELIEF, Count One: On its Claim for Relief, Count One, for judgment on a claim of breach of contract in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants in the sum of \$52,964.80, together with the sum of \$1,371.87, which represents unpaid contractual interest and late charges through and including September 13, 2022, together with interest on the principal sum of \$52,964.80 at the rate of 6.24% per annum from September 14, 2022, until the date of entry of judgment; plus Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in this action; and interest on the total of the above amounts at the rate of 9.00% per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid. CLAIM FOR RELIEF, Count Two: On its Claim for Relief, Count Two, for a decree declaring that Plaintiff has a duly perfected security interest in and to the 2021 Retreat Keystone RV; VIN: 4YDT39L24MW260567 ("Vehicle") and that said security interest is declared to be valid and subsisting lien on the above-described property, superior in right to the claims of Defendants, and that Defendants be foreclosed of all interest in said Vehicle. For judgment and decree that Plaintiff's security interest, be foreclosed and that the above-

described Vehicle be sold by the Sheriff. Of Lane County, Oregon, in the manner provided by law. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the Plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral 7 Service online at [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org) or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. THIS SUMMONS is published by the order of Lane County Circuit Court Judge Kamala H. Shugar made on May 22, 2023, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Lane County, Oregon. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date of first publication: 06/01/23. Date of last publication: 06/22/23. Patrick L. Stevens, OSB 980019, Hutchinson Cox, P.O. Box 10886, Eugene, OR 97440, (541) 686-9160

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES CLOVIS CAGLE, Decedent. Case No. 23PB04091 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donnita Cagle Bassinger has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at the law office of Employment Law Professionals Northwest LLC, attn: Randy J. Harvey, 20015 S.W. Pacific Highway, Suite 221, Sherwood, Oregon 97140 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative, Randy J. Harvey, OSB #116714, Employment Law Professionals Northwest LLC, 20015 SW Pacific Hwy., Suite 221, Sherwood, Oregon 97140. Date and first publication: 06/01/23

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of: SANDRA C. WILEY, Deceased. Case No. 23PB03792 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Jesse Wiley, has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, Jesse Wiley, c/o Kent Anderson Law Office, 888 West Park, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative. Dated and first published June 1, 2023. /s/ Jesse Wiley, Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINN COUNTY** Case No. 23PB03906 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS in the matter of the Estate of Chelsey Nicole Nelson, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald L. Sperry III has qualified and been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice,

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as stated below, to the Personal Representative, Ronald L. Sperry III, c/o DC Law, McKinney & Sperry, PC, P.O. Box 1265, Roseburg, OR 97470, or the claims may be barred. Dated and first published this 15 day of June, 2023. Personal Representative: Ronald L. Sperry III, OSB #091525, DC Law, McKinney & Sperry PC, PO Box 1265, Roseburg, OR 97470, Telephone: 541-673-4451 Fax: 541-673-1202

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE,** In the Matter of the Estate of KRISTINE GORZNY, Deceased, Case No. 23 PB 05146. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Adam R. Schulz, Attorney & Counselor at Law, LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon, 97405, within four months after the date of first publication, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Adam R. Schulz, Attorney & Counselor at Law, LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon, 97405. Dated and first published on 06/15/23. /s/ Adam R. Schulz, Personal Representative

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Jessica A. Davidson has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Gregory Scott Davidson, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 23PB03671. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: 06/15/23. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jessica A. Davidson, 532 Aden St., SW, Castle Rock, WA 98611. ATTORNEY FOR PERS. REP.: Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Pamela J. Price has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Wilma Carolian Lousignont, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 23PB04841. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: 06/01/23. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Pamela J. Price, 32124 Place Road, Fall Creek, OR 97438. ATTORNEY FOR PERS. REP.: Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Diane Lipking Porter, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 23PB04761. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights

may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 06/01/23. Allison Kaye Goss, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavriilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of William Wayne Whittington, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 23PB05063. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 06/08/23. Jeffrey Alan Whittington, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavriilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Allan Hendricks, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 23PB04988. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 06/08/23. Bret Allan Hendricks, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavriilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS:** Probate proceedings in the Estate of George E. Schultz, Jr., Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane, County, Case No. 23PB05302, and Derk E. Schultz has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 15 day of June, 2023.

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: LESLIE LATHROP, Trustee: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY, Beneficiary: UMPQUA BANK. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Lot 6,

MARVIN GARDENS, in the City of Eugene, as platted and recorded on File 74, Slides 72 and 73, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: October 30, 2017, Recording No. 2017-053822, Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,372.40 each, due the first of each month, for the months of April 2020 through January 2021; plus monthly payments at the new payment amount of \$1,414.84 each, due the first of each month, for the months of February 2021 through January 2022; plus monthly payments at the new payment amount of \$1,478.47 each, due the first of each month, for the months of February 2022 through March 2023; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$214,457.81; plus interest at the rate of 4.1250% per annum from March 1, 2020; plus late charges of \$2,069.88; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: August 24, 2023, Time: 11:00 a.m., Place: Lane County Courthouse, Front Entrance, Inside by Security, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #30057.31505). DATED: March 7, 2023. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440.

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BY DAN SAVAGE

*Is it good to see your ex naked?*

Well, it depends.

If you're on good terms with your ex and seeing your ex naked (looking at old pictures, swapping new ones, having breakup/FWB sex) doesn't keep emotional wounds incurred during the relationship open and bleeding (making it harder for you and/or your ex to heal and move on) and seeing your ex naked doesn't bother your current — if you have a current — then seeing your ex naked can be great.

*I have genital herpes, but I'm asymptotic. Panic or NBD?*

Herpes is not a big deal for most people with herpes — most people with HSV1 or HSV2 are likewise asymptotic — so, don't panic. I've done a few episodes of the Lovecast on herpes with Dr. Ina Park, a professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and medical consultant at the Centers for Disease Control Division of STD Prevention. Park discussed the stigma vs. the reality, disclosure vs. non-disclosure, treatment options and more.

*Does performing kegels with a cock or dildo in a male's anus strengthen the sphincter?*

In all honesty, I don't know — but that's never stopped me from telling a guy I'm fucking that doing kegels is a good idea.

*Do you prefer boxers, briefs, or boxer briefs on men?*

I'm an ABT guy myself — anything but thongs.

*How does one deal with emotional discomfort during sex?*

Well, it depends.

Before I go any further, a lot of "sexperts" will tell you to stop at the first sign of emotional discomfort... but unlike a lot of "sexperts," I've actually had sex. And this may come as a surprise to some of my readers... I actually have some sexual hang-ups. (Places I don't like to be touched, things I don't like to do, words I don't like to be called, etc.). And if I called off sex whenever I experienced mild-to-middling emotional discomfort, I would've missed out on a lot of sex (and a few relationships) that turned out to be pretty good or even great. So, instead of ending things at the first sign of mild emotional discomfort, try saying things instead — try communicating in the moment —and if the person you're with quickly corrects course and your discomfort passes, you'll most likely be glad you didn't call it off. If your emotional distress is severe, obviously call off the sex.

*I'm a cis gay man that really enjoys his sex toys. However, when I try to bottom for other men, I find that experience super itchy and uncomfortable. This doesn't happen when I use toys, and I have no idea why. Is this some kind of anal vaginismus?*

"Itching can be due to an allergic reaction, an STI, or lack of lubrication," says Dr. Carlton Thomas, a gastroenterologist and gay health expert. "Sometimes the hair on genitals can create an itchy sensation depending on its length. In this case, I wonder if our person is using condoms and might be allergic to the latex."

Follow Thomas on Instagram and TikTok @doctorcarlton.

*I'm a straight woman who's in love with a gay man who is also my cousin, but he was adopted so we aren't genetically related. He's the most amazing human being I've ever met. I don't think it's reciprocated, but he is very sweet to me. I constantly fantasize about him passionately kissing me. Is this something people live with?*

The fact that this guy is your cousin isn't the biggest hurdle you face — his homosexuality is a much bigger obstacle — and other than waiting for it to pass, there's really nothing you can do about this unrequited crush. There are no magic words that will turn your cousin straight or turn him into... not your cousin. An unrequited and/or unrequitable crush is a kind of madness, but one most people recover from in time.

*All of the Andrew Tate, alpha male, and incel content online has turned my attraction to men into a revulsion. I am literally attracted to no one, and I hate it. What should I do here?*

You should stop looking at Andrew Tate, alpha male, and incel content.

*I'm a straight man but wannabe fag. I want to be forcibly feminized and fucked by dominant gay alpha males. But I need to be forced because I am too weak to really do it. How can this happen to me if I can't ask for it? Asking for it would ruin it.*

Gay men do a lot of crazy things... but gay men don't go around kicking down doors and then forcibly feminizing and fucking any straight men they find cowering behind them. To find a gay guy who wants to do that shit to you — and there are gay men who would be into it — you're gonna have to ask for it. Then, once you find a guy who wants to top you, you'll have to do what everyone else with elaborate sexual fantasies involving force and submission has to do: suspend your disbelief and pretend that the panties and ass fucking wasn't your idea all along.

*Lesbian/all-women sex parties. Are they a thing?*

They are — but they're a less common thing than gay/all-men sex parties. People like to debate why gay sex parties are ubiquitous and lesbian sex parties are few and far between (socialization, slut shaming, sex differences, testosterone, etc.), but debates don't make lesbian sex parties happen. People with the ovaries to throw them do.

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